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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 08337

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, CSCE, SHUM, UR, SREF  
SUBJECT: INCIDENT INVOLVING IRINA MCCLELLAN

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1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, IRINA MCCLELLAN APPEARED AT EMBASSY AT NOON APRIL 20, ACCOMPANIED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED YOUNG WOMAN. A NUMBER OF U.S. CORRESPONDENTS, SOME WITH CAMERAS, HAD BEEN WAITING ON THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY FOR SOME 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HER ARRIVAL ON THE SCENE.

2. MRS. MCCLELLAN AND HER COMPANION APPROACHED THE EMBASSY ON FOOT WITHOUT APPARENT HARASSMENT BY THE CONSIDERABLE FORCE OF UNIFORMED MILITIAMEN AND PLAINCLOTHESMEN IN THE AREA. AS MRS. MCCLELLAN REACHED THE PORTION OF THE SIDEWALK AT THE CENTER OF THE EMBASSY BUILDING, SHE WALKED TO THE EMBASSY FENCE AND ATTEMPTED TO HOLD ON TO IT. MILITIAMEN QUICKLY SURROUNDED HER, PULLED HER AWAY AND TOOK HER TO THE MILITIA SHACK AROUND THE CORNER. HER COMPANION ATTEMPTED TO STRIKE AT THE MILITIA AS THEY GRABBED MRS. MCCLELLAN. THE COMPANION WAS ALSO TAKEN TO THE SHACK. OF COURSE THE NEWSMEN WITNESSED  
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AND PHOTOGRAPHED THE ENTIRE HAPPENING.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER, WHO BY COMPLETE COINCIDENCE HAPPENED TO BE NEARBY, ASKED MILITIA WHAT WAS HAPPENING BUT RECEIVED NO REPLY. EMBOFF MADE NO EFFORT TO INTERFERE WITH MILITIA.

4. COMMENT: MRS. MCCLELLAN MADE NO ATTEMPT TO GAIN  
ACCESS TO EMBASSY COMPOUND OR TO SEEK CONTACT WITH EMBASSY  
PERSONNEL. SHE APPARENTLY ACHIEVED HER GOAL OF PUBLI-  
CIZING HER SITUATION. TOON

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